

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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ROBERT T. WISNIEWSKI, JR.
Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
Defendant,

MAGISTRATE JUDGE *Alexander*

C.A. No.

RECEIPT # *55555*
AMOUNT \$ *150*
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DATE *4-27-04*

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Defendant-Petitioner County of Suffolk, petitions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 for removal from the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the action entitled *Robert T. Wisniewski, Jr. v. County of Suffolk*, pending in Suffolk County as Civil Action No. 04-0979.

1. This action involves allegations that the Defendant deprived the Plaintiff of his constitutional rights and was brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.
2. This action is subject to removal by the Defendant-Petitioner by virtue of the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441.
3. This petition for removal is filed within thirty days of receipt of the Summons and Complaint, copies of which are attached hereto.

Wherefore, the Defendant- Petitioner, Suffolk County, petitions that this action be removed.

Respectfully submitted,
DEFENDANT
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,
By its attorney,

Ellen M. Caulo
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have caused to be served a true copy of the foregoing papers upon Plaintiff's attorney, Robert H. Tobin, Jr., 735 South Street, Roslindale, MA 02131, by first class mail on April 26th, 2004.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS 26th DAY OF
APRIL, 2004.



Ellen M. Caulo

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT
OF THE TRIAL COURT
CIVIL ACTION

No. 04-0979G

Robert T. Wisniewski, Jr. , Plaintiff(s)

v.

County of Suffolk , Defendant(x)

SUMMONS

To the above-named Defendant: County of Suffolk

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Robert H. Tobin, Jr.

plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 735 South St., Roslindale, MA 02131, an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Boston either before service upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Witness, Suzanne V. DelVecchio, Esquire, at Boston, the 10th day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand four.

Clerk/Magistrate

NOTES.

1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.
2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.
3. TO PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ACTION INVOLVED
(1) TORT — (2) MOTOR VEHICLE TORT — (3) CONTRACT — (4) EQUITABLE RELIEF — (5) OTHER

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL NO. 0004-009726

ROBERT T. WISNIEWSKI,
JR., Plaintiff

COMPLAINT

VS.

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK,
Defendant

COUNT I- TORT FOR NEGLIGENCE PURSUANT TO MGL C. 258 S.1, ET SEQ.

Now comes the Plaintiff Robert T. Wisniewski, Jr., and alleges that:

1. The plaintiff Robert T. Wisniewski, Jr. is an individual resident of South Boston, County of Suffolk, in said Commonwealth.

2. The Defendant County of Suffolk is a county in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is and was at all times material hereto a public employer.

4. On or about May 18, 2003 the defendant had custody of the plaintiff, who at that time was incarcerated pursuant to a court ordered sentence of commitment, at a facility operated by the defendant located at Boston, Massachusetts.

5. On or about May 18, 2003, the defendant, through its employees, did undertake to care for the plaintiff and was responsible for the care of the plaintiff while the said plaintiff was in the custody of the defendant.

6. The said Defendant, through its agent(s) or employee(s) owed a duty to the said Plaintiff, as a person under the custody of the defendant, to exercise reasonable care so as to prevent injury to the plaintiff.

7. On or about May 18, 2003, the defendant required the plaintiff to sleep on a bunk bed located above the floor of his assigned cell, without providing the plaintiff with a ladder or other safe means to ascend to and descend from said bed; and without instructing the plaintiff in a safe manner of ascending to and descending from said bed.

8. The said Defendant thus breached its said duty referred to in paragraph 6 above.

9. On or about May 18, 2003, while in the exercise of due care, the said Plaintiff while attempting to ascend onto the said bed , fell and was injured due to the negligent act(s) or omission(s) of the Defendant, through its agent(s) or employee(s).

10. As a proximate and actual result thereof, the said Plaintiff was seriously injured, suffered great pain of body and was forced to incur medical expense for medical care occasioned thereby, and was unable to carry on his usual business for a period of time.

11. Pursuant to the requirements of MGL Ch.258, written notice of the plaintiff's claims, a copy of which is annexed hereto and marked "A", was served on the Suffolk County Commissioners within

two years after the date upon which the causes of action arose. Such claims have been finally denied by such executive officer and public employer, who failed to deny such claims in writing within six months after the date upon which it was presented, or reach final arbitration, settlement, or compromise of said claims.

Wherefore the said Plaintiff demands a money judgment against said Defendant, plus costs.

COUNT II- CAUSE OF ACTION PURSUANT TO 42 USC S. 1983 VS. DEFENDANT- MUNICIPAL LIABILITY

Now comes the Plaintiff and realleges and incorporates by reference herein the allegations contained in paragraphs one through eleven of the first count of this complaint and further allege as follows:

12. On or about May 18, 2003 and prior thereto, the defendant, through its employees, was aware that inmate(s) in its custody had been injured by falling while ascending to and/or descending from bunk bed(s) located off of the floor of its cells.

13. On or about May 18, 2003, the defendant had custody of the plaintiff, who at that time was incarcerated pursuant to a court ordered committed sentence, at a facility operated by the defendant located at Boston, Massachusetts.

14. The defendant, through its sheriff or County Commissioners or other employee(s) with final decision making authority, maintained policies or customs of deliberate indifference to the Constitutional rights of inmates such as the plaintiff, which

caused the deprivation of the plaintiff's State and Federal Constitutional rights.

Wherefore the Plaintiff requests that this Court:

a. Award compensatory damages against the defendant County of Suffolk;

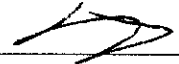
b. Award the costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees to the plaintiff in accordance with 42 U.S.C. S.1988;

c. Award the plaintiff prejudgment interest; and

d. Award such other and further relief as this Court may deem necessary and appropriate.

Plaintiff claims trial by jury on all counts.

By his attorney,


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Dated: 3/3/24